

Why Christianity is Good for Science

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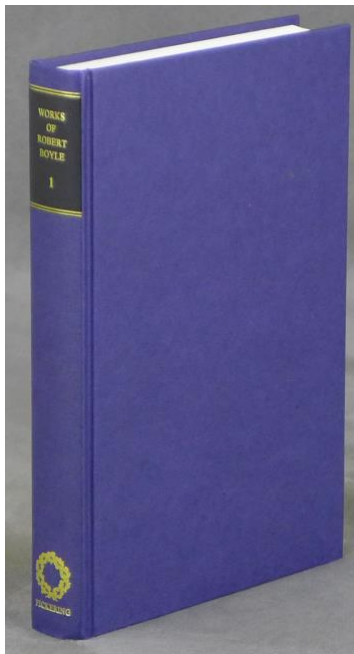
Featured speaker: Dr. Edward B. ("Ted") Davis
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A vocal group of contemporary scientists and others known as the "New Atheists" pit reason versus religion, fact versus faith, and science versus Christianity. This talk responds directly to that aggressive, dichotomous attitude. Drawing on information and insights from the history and philosophy of science, I argue that Christian faith actually complements the picture of the world coming from the sciences, helping us to achieve a deeper understanding of **both** the way the world is **and** how we should go about understanding it, while providing a powerful motive for investigating nature. The Christian doctrine of creation helps us to understand **more** of reality than science alone can study—including the very possibility of science itself as a form of knowledge about nature.



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Location: Boyer Hall 131, Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA. Directions and a campus map are at http://www.messiah.edu/download/downloads/id/524/campus_map.pdf.



Ted Davis is Distinguished Professor of the History of Science at Messiah College, Affiliate Fellow in the Department of the History of Science at the University of Oklahoma, and an advisor for a forthcoming exhibit at the National Museum of American History (Smithsonian). With Michael Hunter, Davis edited *The Works of Robert Boyle*, 14 vols. (Pickering & Chatto, 1999-2000), and a student edition of Robert Boyle, *A Free Enquiry into the Vulgarly Received Notion of Nature* (Cambridge University Press, 1996). He has published dozens of articles about religion and science in the Scientific Revolution and modern America, including a study of modern Jonah stories that inspired two BBC radio programs and the chapter about Newton's rejection of the clockwork universe in the popular book, *Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths about Science and Religion* (Harvard University Press, 2009). His book about the religious activities and beliefs of prominent American scientists from the period between the two world wars is under review at an academic press, and now he is writing a book about Christianity and the creation of modern science aimed at a general audience.

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